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1. SUMMARY. NEW STATE CABINET SWORN IN APRIL 20 IN SABAH. ALL
CABINET MEMBERS FROM BERJAYA PARTY WHOSE VICTORY IN THIS MONTH'S
STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS ENDED NINE YEARS OF CONTROL
OF STATE GOVERNMENT BY TUN MUSTAPHA'S USNO PARTY-DOMINATED
SABAH ALLIANCE (ALSO INCLUDING SABAH CHINESE ASSOCIATION--SCA).
NEW NINE MAN CABINET IS HEADED BY CHIEF MINISTER TUN MOHAMED
FUAD, PRESIDENT OF BERJAYA, WHO WAS SWORN IN APRIL 15.

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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS NAMES OF THOSE INCLUDED IN NEW CABINET

LINEUP. END SUMMARY.

2. CABINET MINISTERS (9):

A. CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
(NEW PORTFOLIO) AND ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR
IMMIGRATION, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND SATUTORY BODIES--
TUN HAFI MOHAMED FUAD (FORMERLY KNOWN AS DONALD STEPHENS),
BERJAYA PRESIDENT:

B. DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(NEW PORTFOLIO)--DDAATUK HARRIS SALLEH, BERJAYA DEPUTY
PRESIDENT:

C. FINANCE MINISTER--DATUK SALLEH SULONG, BERJAYA
ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY:

D. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING MINISTER--DATUK
PETER MOJUNTIN, BERJAYA TREASURER-GENERAL;

E. LABOR MINISTER (NEW PORTFOLIO, ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR
SOCIAL WELFARE)--DATUK SUFFIAN KOROH;

F. CULTURE YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER--PENGIRAN
OTHMAN RAUF;

G. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MINISTER--DR. JAMES
ONGKILI;

H. COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS MINISTER--MR. CHONG
THIAN VUN;

I. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS AND COORDINATION MINISTER--
MR. YAP PAK LEONG

3. NINE ASSISTANT MINISTERS ALSO WERE SWORN IN; THREE
ATTACHED TO CM'S DEPARTMENT, ONE TO DEPUTY CM, AND
ONE EACH TO MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND
WORKS, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND HOUSING, AND LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, RESPECTIVELY.
TUN FUAD ALSO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL
SECRETARIES TO CHIEF MINISTER AND DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER
AND THE SEVEN OTHER CABINET MINISTERS.

4. COMMENT: FIVE OF THE NINE CABINET MINISTERS
HAVE SERVED AS MINISTERS OR ASSISTANT MINISTERS IN
PREVIOUS STATE GOVERNMENTS, TUN FUAD HAVING SERVED AS
CHIEF MINISTER OF SABAH FROM 1963-64 AND, MORE RECENTLY,
AS YANG DIPERTUA NEGARA (CEREMONIAL HEAD OF STATE IN
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SABAH) FROM 1973 UNTIL HIS RESIGNATION FROM THAT POST IN
MID-1975 WHEN BERJAYA WAS FOUNDED. THE OTHER NEW CABINET
MINISTERS INCLUDED AN EX-CIVIL SERVANT, A LAWYER, A FORMER
UNIVERSITY LECTURER AND AN ACCOUNTANT. ADDITIONAL DETAILS
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